



2007 ACTSES Chief Officer's Commendation for Diligent Service

Benjamin Morey

Since commencing at Team Leader with Rivers Unit, Ben has grown in to both a model, outstanding team leader and senior ACTSES member.

During the series of operations that Rivers Unit undertook between December 2006 and February 2007, Ben was a tower of strength for the Unit and exhibited outstanding dedication and leadership during some very difficult and trying times for the Unit. He often kept the Unit going and lifted spirits by using humour and remaining calm, even after hours of work, when others around him were tired, cranky and feeling low.

He unhesitatingly and willingly volunteered to attend nearly all jobs, which were frequent and many at one point, regardless of his personal circumstances or how exhausted he was feeling. As Ben often does, he always put the needs of the Unit, the Service and the Community above his own. Through his selfless actions and comments, he has clearly demonstrated that he has a deep commitment to the ACTSES and sense of responsibility as a team leader.

He has provided emotional and psychological support to other Unit members and has helped a few Unit members through difficult personal times. Ben's sense of concern and the friendship and support that he has offered people has been praised to me by other SES members.

Ben is often the first member to volunteer for to undertake a task, regardless of which type of task, and is most often the last person to leave after a task has been undertaken.

Ben has showed many people what a good team leader is and has become some what of a role model for people aspiring to be leaders one day. He is supportive at all times, but will stand up for what he believes in without being overbearing or rude – in short he is assertive without being aggressive. He is also a good listener and accepts other people for who they are willingly and readily. His use of spontaneous, positive feedback to members has also been warmly received by members.

Through Ben's display of excellent leadership and interpersonal skills as well as his obvious sense of responsibility, he has always strived to give the Unit a good reputation within the ACTSES and in turn done all he could to make the ACTSES look good before the Community. (see comments in above section for more detail). Many members of the community have benefited from Ben's presence and ability to steer a team to achieve an objective.

Although I believe that all SES volunteers deserve recognition for their work, and as a result I am reluctant to single any one person out for awards, I believe in this case Ben has displayed extraordinary dedication, commitment and leadership that deserves to be singularly acknowledged and encouraged. This was particularly evident in the period of heightened operational activity from December 2006 until February 2007.

He works harder and more consistently for the benefit of the Unit and the ACTSES than just about any other volunteer who I have seen. He has continually displayed and continues to display a great sense of responsibility towards the ACTSES and throws himself in to all matters SES because he cares deeply about it and firmly believes in it.

Ben is a credit to Rivers Unit and the ACTSES.